

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 1, between lines 17-18 of the specification with the following:

It is an object of the invention to provide a disk drive unit for a disk wherein the above-mentioned ~~additional~~ additional limit switch is not needed.

Replace the paragraph on page 1, between lines 19-29 of the specification with the following:

In order to accomplish that objective, the disk drive unit according to the invention comprises a pickup unit mounted to a slide of a slide mechanism, which slide mechanism is adapted to move the pickup unit along the disk between a home position and a read and/or write position, the slide mechanism comprising a driven first transmission member which is operatively connected to the slide for moving the ~~sledge~~ slide, and a driving second transmission member which is only in engagement with the first

transmission member when the pickup unit is in the read and/or write position, and wherein the pickup unit and the second transmission member comprise engagement members which are adapted to come into engagement at least when the second transmission member is not in engagement with the first transmission member so as to move the pickup unit away from the home position, which movement causes the first and second transmission members to engage.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 9-11 of the specification with the following:

~~The Further features as defined in claim 2~~ have the advantage that the engagement members of the pickup unit and the second transmission member do not interfere with the movement of the pickup unit when it is moved to its home position.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 12-17 of the specification with the following:

~~The feature as defined in claim 3~~ A cam is also provided which has the advantage that ~~a~~ the cam is a very simple and low-cost

means for initiating the engagement of the engagement members of the pickup unit and the second transmission member. Moreover, as a movable bearing plate coupled to the actuator of the pickup unit is generally used in disk drive units, the addition of the cam is the only change to be made to the bearing plate in order to obtain the disk drive unit according to the invention, which is cost-effective.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 18-19 of the specification with the following:

~~The Other features as defined in claims 4 to 6~~ have the advantage that a gear rack and a gear wheel having a protrusion are simple to manufacture.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 20-22 of the specification with the following:

~~The Further features as defined in claims 7 and 8~~ have the advantage that the movement of the pickup unit away from its home position is controlled by a control unit which is already present within the disk drive unit.

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 23-26 of the specification with the following:

The Other features ~~as defined in claims 9 to 11~~ have the advantage that the engagement of the first and the second transmission member is detected by the detection of the surface of the disk, so that no additional detecting members are necessary for detecting the engagement of the transmission members, which is cost-effective.